

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1797**  
**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0069-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Doug SWEET et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/538,964	)	Examiner: D. Henkel
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Filed: June 14, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 5627
	)	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
AUTOMATIC STAINING OF	)	
TISSUE SAMPLES	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and replies to the Final Office Action mailed March 18, 2010, the period for response to which has been extended to August 18, 2010 through a petition for two months extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.

**Attachments:** Examiner Interview Materials presented at August 12, 2010  
interview (8 pages).